POLICE HUNTING FIREBUGS

THEY AND FLAT DWELLERS IN A BAD STATE OF SCARE.

Trouble Began With Incendiary Attempts on 60th Street Block-Queer Fires on East and West Sides -One Cop Gets Young Burglars by a Mistake in Smoke.

At 10 o'clock last night what appeared to be an undoubted incendiary fire was found the basement of a five story ten se at 303 West 149th street. Some one hadlaid a quantity of paper and wood in the hallway on the first floor and set it blazing. The carpet and steps were burning when Carey Dean of 304 West 148th street discovered the fire. He organized a water bucket brigade and put out the fire before

Almost the whole police force of Manhattan and many apartment house dwellers in the thickly settled districts have been a state bordering on nervous prostration for the past couple of days on account of the many fires of mysterious origin which have been reported from both the East and West sides. Every fire that has amounted to anything since Thursday night, and many that amounted to nothing, have been investigated most thoroughly by the police, and the sound of engines in the neighborhood has been enough to empty a tenement house in short order.

The five fires in West Sixtieth and West Sixty-first streets within two hours early Friday morning are responsible for this unusual condition of general nervousness. One woman died of fright and several persons were seriously burned in the fires in that district. Although a youth was arrested suspected of being respon sible for these fires it is generally believed that he had nothing to do with them.

All day Friday the police were watching every fire, expecting to find other clear cases of incendiarism in order that the firebug might be nabbed red handed. The police of the East Twenty-second street station house have good reason to believe that three fires within two doors of one another in East Twenty-fifth street on Friday night were set, because gasolene was found have been used in each. Only for the location of engine 16 in the same block all the fires might have proved serious.

The first of the three was in the cellar of the tenement house at 227 East Twentyfifth street. Shortly after it had been put out a blaze was found on one of the upper floors of the building. The firemen had to work hard to keep this blaze from spreading,

work hard to keep this blaze from spreading, and before they had finished the job another fire was reported from the cellar at 231. Both these houses are owned by Mrs. Annie Schmeneker, who lives in 229.

Fire occurred at 5:15 o'clock in the afternoon in the five story brick house at 236 Ninth avenue. There are eight families in the house, with a saloon on the ground

The fire started in the cellar at the fool The fire started in the cenar at the foot of the dumbwaiter and running up the shaft soon spread to all the floors and broke out through the roof. All the people in the house got out without injury. Mrs. Newman, the janitress, fainted, but quickly recovered and got out with the other ten-

ants.

Chief Croker said he was unable to explain how the fire started, but he could not say that it was incendiary. The police were also at a loss to explain the origin of the blaze. Sylvan Metzger, the owner of the house, said he was across the street when the alarm was given and was puzzled as to how the fire started. He said any one could have gene into the cellar from the street. have gone into the cellar from the street, but no one had been seen to do so.

The building is valued at \$40,000 and was insured for \$20,000. Croker put the damage

at \$5,000.

The early hours of last night were the busiest the firemen have had for a long time, which increased the feeling that not only one but a whole family of firebugs were at large. Twelve fires were reported between 5 and 10 o'clock. Several of them which had evidently been set on fire

A fire which caused \$15,000 damage to the wallpaper factory of Fred Beck & Co at 334 Seventh avenue, was discovered at 8 o'clock. The firemen had to work hard to save the building. The blaze seemed to have started in the upper part of the building, where there was little chance for an incendiary to get in his work.

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While the firemen were working on the Seventh avenue fire a two story brick building in the rear of 247-251 West I wentieth street, and used as a stable, was found to be ablaze. On account of the scarcity of fire fighting apparatus in the district an emergency alarm was turned in for Engine 4 in East Eighteenth street, and Engine 1 in West I wenty-ninth street, which called out the second of the double company in the latter house. The building is occupied by John Hartigan. While there was no particular evidence of incendiarism, the firemen and police were unable to find the cause of the fire. A number of carriages and a lot of harness were destroyed, making a total loss of \$15,000.

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Policeman Hughes of the West Sixtyeighth street station house, while on post
early yesterday morning, detected smoke
coming from the top of a shoe shining
stand owned by Giuseppe Caprino, at the
northeast corner of Fifty-sixth street and
Eighth avenue. After sending in a fire
alarm the cop, with visions of firebugs floating in his mind, hustled back to the stand.

Smoke was now pouring out of the transon ing in his mind, hustled back to the stand. Smoke was now pouring out of the transom and Hughes grabbed the door handle with such vigor that he pulled the door out of its casement and landed in the gutter with it on top of him. There was a cry and three figures shambled out into the darkness. The cop caught sight of them and extricating himself from the door shouted. "Here there you're under arrest. The Hey there, you're under arrest. The captain will be interested in looking you

Instead of stopping they started on a dead run. Hughes drew his revolver. After firing a shot in the air as a warning he was able to round up the trio. By this time the firemen had arrived.

"The shoe shining stand is afire," cried e cop. "I've got the firebugs here." "Aw, you're kiddin'us," answered back fireman a few minutes later dis-ly, "there's nothing in that place gustedly, "there's nothing in that place but a good strong cigaroot smell."

The engines returned to their stations and the cop dragged his prisoners to the station house. They said they were Thomas Wilson, 17 years old. of 415 West Forty-second street; William Loomis, 16 years old. of 543 West Fifty-first street, and Edward Murray of 314 West Forty-seventh street. In the West Side police court Magistrate Steinert sent Murray to the Children's Court and held Loomis and Wilson in \$2,000 bail for trial on a charge of burglary.

TURBINE MAKES GOOD RECORD. New Eastern Steamship Company's Boat

Proves Very Fast. Boston, Nov. 10 .- The new turbine steimer Gov. Cobb of the Eastern Steamship Company arrived in port this morning from her first round trip between Boston and St. John. Capt. Samuel Pike, her commander, expressed himself as delighted with the performance of the new style of Vessel. The steamer cut down the running

Last night on the run from Portland the ste mer was in a strong southwesterly gale with a high head set. Against this bad combination of elements the turbine made seventeen knots an hour. For the she averaged eighteen knots an our. The steamer arrived here three been for unusually long stops at the different ports she could have made better time.

Justice Kenefick to Resign.

BUFFALO, Nov. 10. Justice Daniel Kenenca will on Monday forward his resignation from the bench to the Secretary of State at Albany. He purposes entering upon the active practice of law and will rad a large firm here.

STANDARD OIL'S WAGE INCREASE REV. DR. CARTER'S DEFENCE To Be Extended to Practically All Su sidiary Companies

Officials of the Standard Oil Company said yesterday that a wage increase similar to that granted to the employees of the Ohio subsidiaries will be granted to employees of practically all the subsidiary companies. It is understood that about 35,000 men will be affected by the increase although the officials of the company refuse to give any estimate of the number of men in their employ. In accordance with long custom also the number and names of the

ubsidiary companies are not disclose The increase will vary between 5 and 10 per cent., the higher percentage affecting the lowest paid employees and the percent-age decreasing in accordance with the amount paid at present. Officials of the company refused to state the aggregate nount of the increase.

It was given out that the increase was made voluntarily. The sole occasion for it, it was said, was the semi-annual meeting at which the question of wages is a special order of business. The initiative, accord ing to the company, came entirely from the management and there was no concerte demand for the increase on the part of the

FREAK BETS PAID.

Man With Stovepipe Headdress Mobil -Station House Joke Doubly Funny.

Losers began paying election bets on the East Side yesterday and the police had to interfere with the discharge of two freak

furniture shop at 222 East Thirty-fourth street, had agreed with his friend Fred Baumberger that if Hearst was not elected he would walk from Baumberger's shop at 337 East Thirty-fourth street to his own place of business with a stovepipe on his head and minus his shoes and stockings. He started out at about 4 o'clook yesterday afternoon to pay his score and he threw in good measure by wearing on his head a section of chimney pipe with a whirling ventilator on the top.

The small boys of the vicinity gathered and applauded Schlossman's efforts with overripe fruit and tin cans. He took to the oobbles in the street on the run and before a cop drove off the enthusiastic spectators Schlossman had gathered enough stone bruises on his feet to keep him on crutches for several days. Baumberger that if Hearst was not elected

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The other freak bet was paid by both parties interested. Gustav Denmeyer, a butcher whose shop is at 338 East Twenty-second street, had promised to take Conrad Wyman of 322 East Twenty-second street to the nearest station house and have him locked up on a plausible charge in case Hearst was not elected. Yesterday afternoon he draggedWyman to the East Twenty-second street police station and at the door threw his companion sprawling on the threw his companion sprawling on the floor, causing his nose to bleed profusely.

Sergt. Fitzpatrick didn't see the point of the joke and arrested both men for disordarly conduct.

CHEESE BROKER GOES UNDER

Caught in the Market to the Amount of 8450,000 -May Continue Business. UTICA, Nov. 10 .- W. D. Grant, the chees

broker, has been caught on the chees market to the amount of about \$450,000, and, unable to cover his losses, his credit at the banks has been suspended. Mr. Grant's customers have advised him to continue to do business rather than go into bankruptcy.

Mr. Grant is probably the most extensive cheese broker in the United States to-day. His dealings were not confined to the local market, but he dealt in Watertown, Gouverneur and other places in New York and Canada. He supplied merchants in foreign countries and the Southern States. During the present high prices Mr. Grant sold cheese that he was unable to deliver and when he came to make good he exhausted his credit at the banks,

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to his affairs came, but immediately returned to Utica and met his creditors with
a statement of his predicament. Many
of his creditors urged him to make a proposal to settle on the best possible basis
and to continue his business in the meantime, offering him their cheese as before,
and he was encouraged to present a plan. and he was encouraged to present a plan, the acceptance of which he now regards as assured. Copies of this plan are being sent to all Mr. Grant's creditors.

WOMAN FOILED HIGHWAYMAN Tax Collector's Wife Locks Him Up and

Saves the Township's Money. WASHINGTON, Pa., Nov. 10 .- Mrs. Charles Cole, wife of the tax collector of Wayne township, Greene county, is lying in a mos serious condition to-night from fright following an attempt made last night by a masked man to rob her of the township taxes, \$2,000, which her husband had collected and left in her care.

Mrs.Cole was sitting with her four-monthsold baby in the little farmhouse while he husband was at Coontown. A masked man crept into the room and demanded to know the hiding place of the money. Mrs. Cole grappled with him but was thrown

to the floor.

The satchel containing the money was The satchel containing the money was under the bed with part of it showing and in desperation the woman pretended to yield and told the man that the money was in the next room in a trunk. He dashed in there and she locked the door quickly. Then she gathered up her babe and the money and fled to the house of a neighbor, a mile away. By the time help and the dogs reached the Cole house the highwayman had broken through a window and escaped.

TEDDY JR. SCHUM NOT INDICTED. Grand Jury Falls to Act on That Little Row

on Boston Common. BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 10 .- No bill was returned to-day by the Suffolk Grand Jury in the case of Shuan Kelly, room mate of Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., who was charged with assaulting Patrolman Lawrence Fraze

with assaulting Patrolman Lawrence Frazer on the Common in September.

Evidence in the case was offered by District Attorney Moran at the October sitting, and action was suspended till this month, in order to await the disposition of the complaint which was pending against Kelly in the municipal court.

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Judge Wentworth dismissed the case some weeks ago, holding that Kelly was justified in attacking the policeman when he feared he might be a rough who intended to assault him and his companions. The case was presented to the Grand Jury under the title of John Jones et al. This broad title was given because of the doubt entertained at the time by District Attorney Moran as to just what part Kelly, Fheodore Roosevelt, Jr., and F. Meredith Blagden had in the affair.

MAYOR DUNNE AND MAYOR TOM

Wrestle With Traction Problems Behind Closed Doors in Chicago

CHICAGO, Nov. 10 .- Two Mayors, Ton Johnson and Edward F. Dunne, had a strenuous time of it to-day behind locked doors in the Sherman House in an effort to discuss the traction ordinance, Three porters stood guard to keep away callers who wished to see the Cleveland Mayor. Mayor Johnson's appearance in Chj-

Mayor Johnson's appearance in Chicago at this time caused a sensation in traction circles. It is believed that he came here in the interests of his contract plan, similar to the one voted down by the City Council. It was pointed out that the Cleveland Mayor had got handsome financial returns on his scheme in other cities. With them in conference was Walter L. Fisher, who said after the meeting that the traction subject had been discussed only in a general way.

DECLARES THE TRUE GOD IS NOT THAT OF THE CONFESSION.

Reiterates His View That the "Hard, Cold, Severe God" Pletured by the Confession Is "Not Our God"-He Will Continu to Oppose the Idea of Endless Torment

The Rev. Dr. Samuel T. Carter, a retired olergyman of the Presbyterian Church, who has been a year in Europe recuperating with his family, returned last night aboard the Cunarder Carmania. He vigorously attacked the Vestminster Confession while in active service, but the Presbytery of Nassau, with which he was then connected, took no action against him. He said last

"I spoke my conviction that the God of the Confession is an idol like any other, and that the Assembly is false to its highest duty of being a true witness for God to men so long as she retains the Confession. The Assembly dropped the letter into the pocket of a committee and there it still remains. I leave it to the judgment of the public whether that was honest and manly.

"If the Church is enamored of her creed cannot help it, but a high duty remains to make clear and very clear to a vast company of people who fear that religion is the sad thing the Confession makes it to be, and that God is the hard and severe Being the Confession sets Him forth to be-to make clear, if possible, to these that God is a great deal better than we have ever conceived, that religion is much more beautiful and delightful than we have ever

"It seems to me there can hardly be too radical a change from the view of the character of God given in the Westminster Confession. I believe mother's love in its most exquisite touch is coldness compared with the love of God; lovers' love in its fullest abandon and rapture is distance and alienation compared with the love

and alienation compared with the love of God.

"The Westminister Confession God and the New Testament God are the whole heavens apart. The old theology would be news, indeed, to the Lord Jesus, and the Westminister Confession is to Him an altar with this inscription: To the unknown God."

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"I believe the love of God, rightly received, would make a final end of the sad pessimism that we see in life and literature. If such a sun shines above us, every cloud must go at last. A proper sense of the love of God would make life most sweet and desirable; would make every common relation of life, parentage and childhood, birth, marriage and death, youth, manhood and old age, a great gift of God full of all brightness and blessing.

"We have been long engaged in modifying and diminishing our punishments with only the most happy results; the theologians might credit the good Lord with fully understanding this. He would greatly appreciate it. It would be intolerably grievous to spend eternity praising and blessing a God who was torturing forever millions of our brothers and sisters.

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"The doctrine is to me axiomatically impossible. I could more easily believe that the whole is not equal to the sum of its parts, that things that are equal to the same thing are not equal to each other, that a straight line is the greatest distance between two points, than that the God who is love will torment forever His erring children. It is a moral impossibility most absolute.

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"A world of intelligent men has utterly rejected the idea of endless torment. Why should not the Church free itself from the shame of perpetuating this remorseless crueity? The dogma of endless torment is an old rotten derelict that has rolled on the

an old rotten derelict that has rolled on the ocean of time far too long, leaving a track of disaster and death behind it. The Church owes it to itself to dynamite this miserable hulk and sink it out of sight forever "These views have been of slow growth with me, but have become as my very life. Let no man object to my proclaiming them. Believing them as I do, I should be the most contemptible covered if I did not procontemptible coward if I did not pro claim them, and as long as life lasts and my reason remains, my voice, however feeble, shall be lifted against the horrors of the old theology and for the infinite lo

BAD BUILDING WORK REPORTED. Brickwork in Brownsville Done in a Very

Careless Manner.

Supt. Moore of the Department of Buildings, Brooklyn, has written a letter under date of November 2 calling the attention of Borough President Coler to the fact that since January 1 last he has found it necessary to call no less than 251 times on the police for its cooperation in suppressing illegal work in the construction of new buildings, most of which were in Brownsville. He says that "the brickwork, and in fact all of the work has been done and is being done in a very careless and incompetent manner with no apparent desire on the part of the builders to observe the laws and the rules and regulations of this bureau." He also complains of similar illegal work in other parts of the borough. In reply Borough President Coler wrote that he desired Mr. Moore to take some radical steps to bring to an end the condition of affairs referred to. He then says that he pointed out to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment the necessity for an increased appropriation for the Building Department, as the supervising staff was too small, "one inspector being responsible for 365 buildings in course of construction." In conclusion Mr. Coler writes: "I particularly desire that you shall stop the construction of all buildings where you have the slightest doubt that the workmanship may not be safe. In fact, I would suggest that you stop all building operations until your inspection can assure you of the safety of the construction." necessary to call no less than 251 times on the police for its cooperation in suppressing

WALKING JEWELRY STORE.

\$20,000 Worth of Valuables on Man Steered to Station House.

Policeman Osterhause of the East 126th street station house picked up a walking jewelry store at 120th street and Third avenue late last evening. Osterhause didn't know that it was a jewelry store. All he saw was a man making bad weather on a calm night and steering wild. He piloted the man to the haven of the station house and began the usual perfunctory searching after coming to anchor.

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The man had on a long raincoat, and in the first pocket the cop tried he found a small package of diamonds. Further search discovered a package of pearls, another of rubies, three sets of pearl beads, two packages of gold dust, two of stickpins and five pairs of glasses.

It also brought to light the card of Albert Wenzel of 429 East 118th street, a jeweller in business at 16 Maiden lane. The man was locked up and a messenger sent to the address found on the card. Sergt, Wolf, who was in charge, detailed a man to watch the jewelry. The sergeant estimated its value at between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

To Celebrate Its 100th Anniversary. The members of the South Second Street Methodist Episcopal Church in the Eastern District of Brooklyn will celebrate to-day the one hundredth anniversary of the found ing of the church. When it was first formed it was called the First Methodist Church of Brooklyn. During the 100 years of its existence over ten other churches have grown out of it. At the services to-day a large number of former members and ministers will make addresses. Souvenir books giving a history of the church will be presented to the members present. Among the churches formed from the South Second is St. John's Methodist Episcopai Church in Bedford avenue, Brooklyn.

ANDOVER BOY KILLS CHUM. The Two Were Examining a Revolver When It Was Discharged.

Andover, Mass., Nov. 10.—John B. J. C. Tracy, '08, of Mount Vernon, New York, a Phillips-Andover Academy student, 18 years' old, was shot and instantly killed this foreoon by a revolver in the hands of Charles E. Biggs, '09, of Emporia, Kan., a schoolmate. The shooting is said to have been purely accidental.

The two students were examining a revolver in Riggs's room at the Chever, House on Main street when the weapon suddenly went off and the bullet entered Tracy's mouth. He died almost instantly. Riggs and Tracy were the best of friends and had been intimate almost since the academy

Riggs was arrested and taken to Lawrence, where he was arraigned on a charge of manslaughter before Judge Mahoney. He pleaded not guilty.

Riggs said that he loaned his revolver last night to Harry Hilton, a schoolmate, and that when he came back to his room after chapel exercises this morning he found the revolver had been returned. The weapon, which is of 32 calibre, was lying on a table. Tracy, who, he said, frequently came to his room after chapel to accom pany him to recitations, came and stood in the room with a book in his hand. Riggs testified that he said to Tracy, "Hilton has brought my revolver back." Then he picked the revolver up and started to put it into a hip pocket with one hand, while he drew out a bunch of keys with the other hand. The weapon went off suddenly and

Tracy fell to the floor.

Judge Mahoney said that the evidence tended to show that the shooting was accidental, but that he thought it best not to dispose of the case to-day, but to continue it until next Wednesday. He ordered Riggs held under \$1,000 bonds until Wednesday and allowed him to go on the recognizance of Chief Free of Andover.

Riggs is captain of his class football team and Tracy played centre on the same eleven. Both boys were popular among their fellows and there is an air of gloom about the entire academy. No celebration was held to-night because of the football victory over Exeter this afternoon

SHOT WHILE HUNTING. William Davenport Receives a Load of

Birdshot in His Face. MORRISTOWN, N. J., Nov. 10 .- While out nunting in the Denville woods William Davenport of Denville was shot by some unknown person this afternoon. He had just started up a flock of quail when a load of birdshot struck him in the face and of birdshot struck him in the face and shoulders. It had been fired some distance away, but he was rendered unconscious for a time. Upon reviving he managed to get home and have his injuries attended to. They are not dangerous. It is thought the hunter who fired the shot did not know he had hit any one, and seeing he had missed the birds went off in a different direction.

Ten Were Killed in Hotel Collapse. LONG BEACH, Cal., Nov. 10.-Ten bodies have been recovered from the ruins of the Hotel Bixby, which collapsed yesterday, and all the missing have been accounted

LEXINGTON TURF NOTES.

-Ort Wells in the Stud LEXINGTON, Ky., Nov. 10.—The Danville turfman A. E. Hundley this week took up his band of yearlings and they are now being broken and trained at the track of the Boyle broken and trained at the track of the Boyle County Fair Association. There are two colts and five fillies in the collection, the get of imp. Wagner, Streamer, imp. Ruskin and G. W. Johnson. The star of the collection is thought to be the brown colt by Streamer, out of Mat. B. 2d, by Bramble. He is a half brother to Botanist.

Chinn & Forsythe will breed many of their choice mares this season to John A. Drake's celebrated racehorse Ort Wells. Two mares owned by Drake recently arrived from the East to be mated to Ort Wells next year. With Accountant's sire, Filigrane, a companion in the stud with Ort Wells, Mercer county will in 1997 take a prominence in the breeding world that it has not enjoyed since the days

of the celebrated Leotanus.

Trainer William Phillips believes he will have a great four-year-old filly next season in Beautiful Bess. It is said her long resultant brought her back to her early two-year-

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THIEF BEHIND A PORTRAIT. Substituted His Eyes for Those in the Pictor and Made a Rich Haul.

From the London Daily Mail. A Russian official named M. Loktieff on returning home with his wife about 2 o'clock in the morning was attracted by a strange noise in the drawing room, as if a chair was being pushed. An examination by candle light revealed nothing amiss, and a search in the other rooms had the same result. They returned to the drawing room, where a large portrait of Mme. Loktleff's grandfather, in the uniform of a Uhlan officer. was standing against the wall. The young wife glanced at the portrait and uttering a

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she had left her purse in the drawing room with 28 in it she took a candle and bravely entered the room in her search for it. A wild shrick followed. Her husband rushed in and found his wife lying in a dead faint on the door. With the cook's help he carried his wife to bed. While he was nursing her he told the cook to search the room carefully,

making art and skill.

but she did not find anything suspicious. The next morning M. Loktieff, looking more losely at the portrait, found that the eyes had been cut out and the portrait had been moved a little from the wall. Further investigation showed that many valuables were missing. The thier had hidden himself, it seems, behind the portrait and was watching the couple all the time through the eycholes of the portrait.

BRIDGE OF MAHOGANY. Valuable Wood Used in Mexican Structure for Pedestrians and Teams.

From the American Inventor.

As manogany is among the most costly oods in the world, it may well be inferred that this tropical material is not very exemployed in the construction of ouildings, &c. A bridge constructed of solid mahogany is certainly a rarity, a curiosity. There is one, claimed to be the only one in the world, built of that material. This structure is located in the Department of Palenque, State of Chiapas, Republic of Mexico. This district lies in the extreme southwestern part of Mexico, near the boundary line of Guate-

This mahogany bridge is constructed entirely of that valuable wood except some iron supports, braces and nails that are necessary. The bridge spans the Rio Michol and its total luding approaches, exceeds 150 feet while the width is 15 feet. It is used by both teams and pedestrians and, though somewhat rude and primitive in construction, it is very

was standing against the wail. The young wife glanced at the portrait and uttering a scream rushed out of the room.

"What's the matter?" asked her husband, greatly surprised.

"I just thought the portrait was looking at me with real eyes!" answered his wife, who was trembling violently.

Her husband laughed at her childish fears.

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